

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT, AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES
U.S. Appln. No. 10/607,209

REMARKS

Claims 1-56 are cancelled, claims 57-87 are pending.

New claims 57 - 85 correspond essentially to claims 28- 56 but have been further amended to emphasize the non-folding nature of the steerer tube and to provide antecedent basis for other terms. Claims 86-87 have been added.

This set of claims include a number of generic claims which cover all species. Additionally, the claims in their present form have been drafted to clearly distinguish over the prior art including the reference to Hon cited by the Examiner in the prosecution of the parent case. Examination and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants repeat and confirm the election to Group I, claims, “a steering assembly” as originally numbered 27-48, 54 and 55, without traverse.

This election conforms to new claims 57 -78, 84-87.

This conforms to the earlier restriction requirement.

As to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect Species A1, Figs. 1-5.

As to the sub species requirement, Applicants elect subspecies B1, Fig 3a.

The Applicants traverse the holding that no claim is generic. Clearly, claims 57, 72, 77, 78, 84, 85 and 86 within Group I are generic to the multiplicity of species set forth by the Examiner.

The Applicants also traverse the holding that Figs. 3a and 3b are separate species. The only difference is the folding angle of the hinge.

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The claims readable on Species A1 and subspecies B1 are: 57-60, 63-66, 68 - 74, 77-78,
84-87.

Applicants reserve the right to file Divisional Applications directed to non-elected
Groups II and III.

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overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

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